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1.1

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION

AT END OF PERIOD.....

	Males	Females	Persons	Mean Population
	'000	'000	'000	'000
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Financial Years				
1993-94	856.3	846.3	1 702.6	1 689.7
1994-95	871.8	861.6	1 733.4	1 717.9
1995-96 p	887.9	877.9	1 765.7	1 750.0
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Calendar years				
1994	863.1	853.1	1 716.2	1 703.5
1995 p	879.6	869.5	1 749.2	1 733.5
1996 p	896.3	886.4	1 782.7	1 766.1
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Quarters				
Dec 95 p	879.6	869.5	1 749.2	..
Mar 96 p	884.2	874.3	1 758.5	..
Jun 96 p	897.9	877.9	1 765.7	..
Sep 96 p	892.0	882.0	1 774.0	..
Dec 96 p	896.3	886.4	1 782.7	..
Mar 97 p	900.5	890.8	1 791.2	..

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.1

The estimated resident population of Western Australia at 31 March 1997 was 1,791,200 an increase of 8,500 in the March quarter and 32,700 in the twelve months from 31 March 1996. The growth rate during the quarter was equivalent to an annual rate of 1.91%.

1.2

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE

	Natural Increase	Net estimated overseas migration(a)	Net estimated interstate migration	Total increase
	'000	'000	'000	'000
Financial Years				
1993-94	14.3	6.7	3.7	24.7
1994-95	14.7	10.5	4.9	30.1
1995-96 p	14.2	13.5	3.8	31.6
Calendar years				
1994	14.5	8.0	4.5	26.9
1995 p	14.6	13.2	4.3	32.0
1996 p	13.8	14.0	5.6	33.3
Quarters				
Dec 95 p	3.5	3.1	0.2	6.9
Mar 96 p	3.7	4.4	1.1	9.1
Jun 96 p	3.7	2.2	1.4	7.2
Sep 96 p	3.1	3.9	1.3	8.3
Dec 96 p	3.4	3.5	1.8	8.7
Mar 97 p	4.0	4.5	0.0	8.5

(a) Includes an adjustment for 'category jumping'

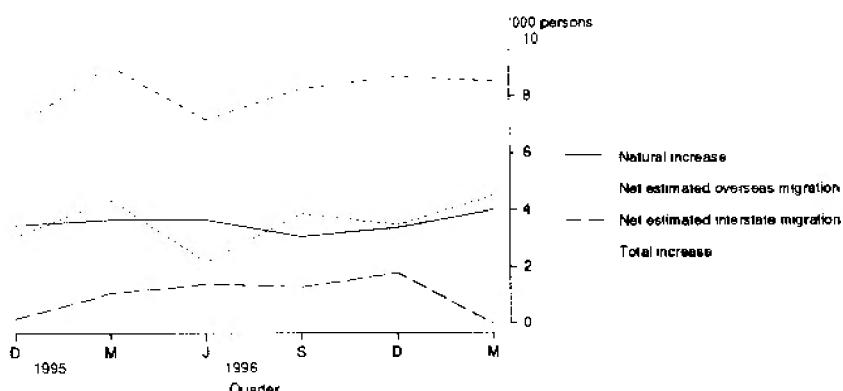
Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.2

In the March quarter 1997 the population increased by 8,500 compared with an increase of 8,700 in the previous quarter. Both the natural increase and net estimated overseas migration were higher than in the December quarter 1996. However, there was no net estimated interstate migration, a fall of 1,800 from the December quarter.

For the twelve months ended 31 March 1997 the increase of 32,700 was 1.6% higher than the increase in the previous twelve months.

COMPONENTS OF POPULATION CHANGE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

1.3

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births	Infant Deaths	Total Deaths	Total Marriages	Total Divorces
Financial Years					
1993-94	25 309	148	10 522	10 316	4 934
1994-95	25 022	137	10 261	10 381	4 930
1995-96 p	24 872	141	10 669	10 178	5 195
Calendar years					
1994	25 124	137	10 295	10 366	5 024
1995	25 122	128	10 361	10 404	5 040
1996 p	24 766	156	11 011	10 294	4 959
Quarters					
Dec 95	6 046	28	2 532	3 266	1 469
Mar 96 p	6 233	54	2 588	2 939	1 231
Jun 96 p	6 282	29	2 632	2 449	1 163
Sep 96 p	6 192	37	3 092	1 458	1 294
Dec 96 p	6 059	36	2 699	3 448	1 271
Mar 97 p	6 296	30	2 343	2 904	1 233

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.3

The number of marriages fell by 544 or 15.8% in March quarter 1997 from the previous quarter. The total of 2,904 marriages in March quarter 1997 was a fall of 1.2% on March quarter 1996.

The total number of deaths dropped by 356 from December quarter 1996, a fall of 13.2%. The number of live births rose by 3.9% and divorces fell by 3.0% from December quarter 1996. Compared to March quarter 1996, the number of deaths decreased by 245 or 9.5% and births increased by 63 or 1.0%. The number of divorces increased by only 2.

Preliminary data for 1996 shows a drop of 356 live births or 1.4% from calendar year 1995. The number of divorces fell slightly by 81 and marriages, with a revised figure, dropped by 110 or 1.1%. Total deaths rose by 650 or 6.3% and infant deaths increased by 28 or 21.9%.

1.4

RATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES

	Live Births(a)	Infant Deaths(b)	Total Deaths(a)	Marriages(a)	Divorces(a)
Financial Years					
1993-94					
1993-94	15.0	5.8	6.2	6.1	2.9
1994-95	14.6	5.5	6.0	6.0	2.9
1995-96 p	14.2	5.7	6.1	5.8	3.0
Calendar years					
1994	14.6	5.5	6.0	6.0	2.9
1995	14.4	5.1	5.9	5.9	2.9
1996 p	13.9	6.3	6.2	5.8	2.8
Quarters					
Dec 95	13.9	4.6	5.8	7.5	3.4
Mar 96 p	14.2	8.7	5.9	6.7	2.8
Jun 96 p	14.3	4.6	6.0	5.2	2.6
Sep 96 p	14.0	6.0	7.0	3.3	2.9
Dec 96 p	13.6	5.9	6.1	7.8	2.9
Mar 97 p	14.1	4.8	5.2	6.5	2.8

(a) For financial and calendar years the rate is per 1'000 mean resident population.

For quarters, the mean is the average of the previous and current quarterly population.

(b) Infant deaths per 1,000 live births.

Reference: Australian Demographic Statistics (3101.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 1.4

Reflecting the fall in the number of infant deaths from a year ago, the rate for infant deaths in March quarter 1997 was 3.9 infant deaths per 1,000 live births lower than March quarter 1996.

Compared to March quarter 1996, rates declined by 0.7 for total deaths and by 0.2 for marriages.

The rates for deaths, infant deaths, marriages and divorces in March quarter 1997 all fell from the previous quarter. Only the rate for live births increased, by 0.5.

Preliminary rates for 1996 calendar year show falls for live births, marriages and divorces compared to calendar year 1995 but rises for infant deaths and total deaths.

For more information regarding tables on Vital statistics please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.1

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

	SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS.....		LONG-TERM ARRIVALS.....			
	Permanent Arrivals	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Total Arrivals
ARRIVALS						
Financial Years						
1994-95	10 380	289 250	339 690	9 070	8 470	656 850
1995-96	11 320	308 110	361 180	8 600	10 170	699 380
1996-97	10 518	334 748	397 610	8 881	11 653	763 410
Months						
Jun 96	860	25 530	26 720	630	500	54 250
Jul 96	910	31 490	28 780	670	1 900	63 750
Aug 96	840	28 570	28 950	580	500	59 430
Sep 96	860	31 390	27 540	640	540	60 970
Oct 96	940	38 310	34 460	690	740	75 130
Nov 96	1 000	25 040	37 270	930	480	64 730
Dec 96	990	18 980	49 430	1 450	490	71 340
Jan 97	900	39 040	29 630	870	1 850	72 290
Feb 97	780	21 440	39 350	620	2 700	64 900
Mar 97	920	24 880	35 670	740	590	62 800
Apr 97	830	24 030	33 000	580	670	59 110
May 97	790	24 280	25 000	540	500	51 110
Jun 97	755	27 309	28 535	576	676	57 851
Jul 97	746	36 791	30 821	670	2 107	71 135
Aug 97	725	33 362	26 779	597	689	62 152

	SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES.....		LONG-TERM DEPARTURES.....			
	Permanent Departures	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	West Australian Residents	Overseas Visitors	Total Departures
DEPARTURES						
Financial Years						
1994-95	3 580	292 270	343 610	7 560	4 710	651 730
1995-96	3 890	305 910	366 340	7 680	5 480	689 300
1996-97	3 614	339 988	389 531	8 079	6 178	747 390
Months						
Jun 96	200	29 410	31 240	530	560	61 940
Jul 96	340	32 280	25 420	640	560	59 240
Aug 96	270	27 420	29 840	660	390	58 580
Sep 96	260	34 960	25 200	520	370	61 320
Oct 96	250	26 830	28 770	500	330	56 680
Nov 96	320	24 850	32 650	530	590	58 950
Dec 96	310	35 260	42 400	730	1 180	79 880
Jan 97	370	23 760	41 050	1 120	500	66 800
Feb 97	280	20 340	36 760	710	410	58 500
Mar 97	320	27 960	32 850	730	410	62 270
Apr 97	330	25 870	36 390	750	390	63 730
May 97	290	30 520	28 360	630	400	60 210
Jun 97	280	29 912	29 845	554	635	61 226
Jul 97	362	40 019	27 083	690	713	68 867
Aug 97	293	33 011	29 844	701	397	64 246

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0001. Since figures have been rounded to the nearest ten, discrepancies may occur between sums of component items and totals.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.1

Total arrivals in August 1997 were 13% lower than in the previous month but were 5% higher than in August 1996.

The number of Western Australian residents returning from short-term visits overseas fell by 9% from the previous month to 33,362 persons. However, this was a 17% increase over August 1996. The number of overseas visitors arriving in Western Australia for short-term visits also decreased by 13% from July 1997 and by 7% since August 1996.

The number of residents returning to Western Australia in August 1997 after a long-term stay overseas decreased by 11% from the previous month but increased slightly by 3% over the August 1996 report. After the July 97 increase in arrivals of long-term overseas visitors, their numbers decreased by 67% although there was a 38% increase over the same time the previous year.

Total departures in August 1997 fell by 7% from the previous month and were 10% higher than in August 1996.

The number of short-term departures of Western Australian residents fell by 17% on July 1997, although there was a 20% increase on August 1996 figures. Short-term departures of overseas visitors rose by 10% from July 1997. The number of long-term departures of overseas visitors almost halved since the previous month although the long-term departures of Western Australians fell by only 2% over the same time.

2.2

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES(a)

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Singapore	Total(b)
Financial Years						
1994-95	24 330	61 070	44 240	28 980	59 600	339 690
1995-96	24 200	59 220	49 260	30 120	64 690	361 180
1996-97	26 423	69 455	51 599	33 935	63 946	397 610
Months						
Jun 96	1 660	2 610	4 950	1 290	6 970	26 720
Jul 96	3 000	2 610	5 190	3 430	3 310	28 780
Aug 96	2 100	3 480	3 670	3 720	4 800	28 950
Sep 96	2 430	4 860	2 500	3 220	3 550	27 540
Oct 96	2 740	5 470	4 250	2 430	4 690	34 460
Nov 96	1 680	9 350	3 120	2 170	7 850	37 270
Dec 96	2 400	10 090	6 840	3 990	7 630	49 430
Jan 97	1 940	7 200	3 400	3 220	2 500	29 630
Feb 97	1 410	6 440	7 930	3 040	5 060	39 350
Mar 97	2 080	8 420	3 400	3 500	5 200	35 670
Apr 97	2 590	5 710	4 120	2 850	5 430	33 000
May 97	1 885	2 514	2 912	1 267	4 774	25 000
Jun 97	2 176	3 300	4 250	1 102	9 151	28 535
Jul 97	2 093	3 074	6 731	2 563	3 883	30 821
Aug 97	2 251	3 117	2 613	4 055	3 942	26 779

(a) Comprises travellers whose intended or actual stay is less than twelve months.

(b) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTR0013

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.2

Total short-term overseas visitor arrivals dropped by 13% since July 1997. The total of 26,779 arrivals in August 1997 was also 7% lower than in August 1996.

The number of visitors from the United Kingdom and Ireland in August 1997 increased by 43 or 1% on July 1997 although there was a 10 percentage point decrease since August 1996. Short-term arrivals from Japan more than doubled (58%) since July 1997, with a comparatively small 9% increase over the previous years figures.

2.3

SHORT-TERM OVERSEAS VISITOR ARRIVALS BY AIR, PURPOSE OF JOURNEY: HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Japan	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total(a)
Financial Years									
1994-95	7 720	19 290	33 350	24 640	19 200	45 100	7 180	2 760	193 880
1995-96	6 800	19 010	35 610	23 840	20 800	47 520	8 770	3 250	200 560
1996-97	6 669	24 046	33 875	27 869	23 597	45 348	10 235	2 592	215 819
Months									
May 96	230	810	1 980	1 000	2 760	4 150	790	320	13 580
Jun 96	580	500	3 850	780	2 240	5 640	610	250	16 240
Jul 96	470	1 140	3 200	2 900	1 440	1 480	590	190	14 280
Aug 96	580	870	2 220	3 300	2 790	3 650	980	100	17 310
Sep 96	1 150	1 650	1 360	2 490	1 670	2 510	550	190	14 360
Oct 96	550	1 680	2 800	1 810	2 280	3 410	1 610	200	18 580
Nov 96	370	2 790	2 150	1 680	2 010	6 510	580	160	20 580
Dec 96	610	3 690	5 710	3 380	2 420	5 840	1 330	400	29 830
Jan 97	420	2 930	1 290	2 520	570	960	500	280	13 050
Feb 97	350	2 610	5 600	2 750	2 690	3 110	730	190	22 380
Mar 97	570	3 110	2 260	2 770	1 110	3 820	960	200	19 150
Apr 97	570	1 700	2 510	2 380	1 860	3 440	1 150	150	16 340
May 97	270	860	1 920	1 000	3 420	3 598	883	308	13 755
Jun 97	757	1 002	2 838	889	1 340	7 008	370	235	16 209
Jul 97	590	1 033	4 233	2 094	1 640	1 845	583	177	15 394
Aug 97	853	1 020	1 473	2 955	2 663	2 742	375	312	15 041

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.3

The number of short-term overseas visitor arrivals for holidays in Western Australia in August 1997, fell by 2% on July 1997. There was a total of 15,041 visitors compared to 17,310 in August 1996.

For August 1997, there was a decrease from the previous month of 897 holidaymakers or 49% from Singapore. Holidaymakers from New Zealand and Malaysia increased by 45% and 62% respectively. While there was 65% decrease in holidaymakers from Indonesia a 36% drop in short term visitors from Thailand.

Compared to August 1996, holidaymakers from United Kingdom and Ireland increased by 17%, by 47% for New Zealand. Over the same period the number of holidaymakers from Singapore decreased by 25%, by 5% from Malaysia, by 62% from Thailand and by 34% from Indonesia.

2.4

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS (a)

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Total(a)
Financial Years						
1994-95	25 750	40 850	68 420	23 070	25 840	292 270
1995-96	25 100	44 070	68 860	22 780	29 430	305 910
1996-97	26 582	50 323	89 027	23 621	26 772	339 988
Months						
Jun 96	1 100	5 770	7 610	2 030	2 090	29 410
Jul 96	1 850	5 830	7 790	2 090	2 400	32 280
Aug 96	1 900	3 760	8 100	1 510	1 950	27 420
Sep 96	2 680	4 920	9 390	2 860	2 470	34 960
Oct 96	2 150	3 090	8 990	1 890	1 890	26 830
Nov 96	1 830	2 740	7 590	1 840	1 820	24 850
Dec 96	4 790	4 990	7 230	2 960	2 690	35 260
Jan 97	2 770	2 240	6 510	1 650	2 020	23 760
Feb 97	1 910	2 170	4 870	1 930	2 380	20 340
Mar 97	2 210	3 290	7 630	1 740	2 960	27 960
Apr 97	2 360	3 670	5 900	1 540	1 860	25 870
May 97	1 183	7 411	6 463	1 803	2 492	30 520
Jun 97	931	6 230	8 574	1 804	1 839	29 912
Jul 97	2 108	7 362	10 788	3 135	2 720	40 019
Aug 97	1 653	4 915	10 469	2 255	3 380	33 011

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

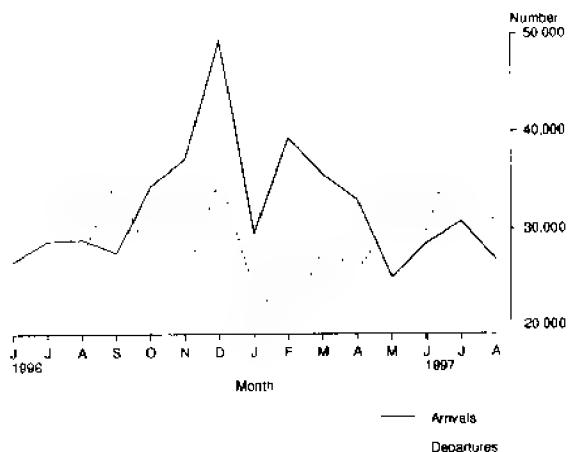
Reference: Unpublished table PMT0013.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.4

For August 1997, short term departures of residents from Western Australia decreased by 7,008 persons (18%). The total of 33,011 persons was 5,591 or 20% higher than recorded for August 1996.

Compared to July 1997, short-term departures of residents to Indonesia fell slightly by 3%. Departures to New Zealand dropped by 22%, to United Kingdom and Ireland by 33% and increased to Singapore by 24%.

SHORT-TERM ARRIVALS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS AND DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY MONTH



Source: Unpublished table PMT0013

2.5

SHORT-TERM DEPARTURES OF RESIDENTS BY AIR TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS – HOLIDAY

COUNTRY OF DESTINATION.....

	New Zealand	UK & Ireland	Indonesia	Malaysia	Singapore	Thailand	United States	Total (a)
Financial Years								
1994-95	11 100	18 430	55 070	11 480	13 220	12 560	9 940	160 730
1995-96	10 120	18 420	53 060	10 430	15 670	12 750	9 650	160 120
1996-97	10 855	23 761	72 524	10 655	13 480	9 790	9 531	186 243
Months								
Jun 96	300	2 440	6 330	890	1 110	1 230	930	16 640
Jul 96	960	3 020	6 680	1 040	1 320	1 080	1 720	19 110
Aug 96	700	2 060	6 710	870	860	860	780	16 080
Sep 96	840	2 190	8 340	1 500	1 020	1 150	1 110	20 830
Oct 96	1 070	1 710	7 330	790	1 340	1 250	460	15 990
Nov 96	640	950	6 100	1 000	1 010	500	450	12 620
Dec 96	1 790	1 970	6 430	1 510	1 420	490	1 260	18 950
Jan 97	1 060	740	5 240	830	900	560	500	11 980
Feb 97	830	580	3 680	620	1 020	650	150	9 260
Mar 97	960	1 250	6 520	650	2 150	1 160	840	16 210
Apr 97	1 220	1 960	4 080	310	550	810	610	12 910
May 97	367	4 025	5 119	628	1 118	530	797	15 719
Jun 97	416	3 318	6 286	899	745	745	837	16 578
Jul 97	1 123	4 344	9 561	2 106	1 360	1 276	1 197	25 106
Aug 97	865	2 235	8 652	909	2 271	591	854	19 589

(a) Total includes countries not listed in this table.

Reference: Unpublished table PMTWAT31 for monthly figures and PMTRO031 for financial year figures.

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 2.5

There were 19,589 short-term departures of Western Australian residents for holidays abroad in August 1997. This was 5,517 residents or 22% less than departed in July 1997 and 3,509 residents more than in August 1996.

For August 1997, only one country, Singapore, recorded an increase in the number of Western Australian short-term holidaymakers. Of the other popular holiday destinations for Western Australians, Malaysia reported the greatest decrease (57%) in the proportion of holidaymakers visiting since July 1997.

Singapore, closely followed by the United Kingdom and Ireland were the favoured short-term holiday destinations for Western Australian residents. Of the total of 19,589 departures for August 1997, 2,271 persons (12%) chose Singapore and 2,235 people (11%) chose the United Kingdom and Ireland as their holiday destination.

Compared to August 1996, departures of holidaymakers increased by 22% overall, with only Thailand recording a 31% decrease in the number of short term visitors from Western Australian.

For more information regarding Overseas Arrivals and Departures, please contact Carmel Ryan on (08) 9360 5385.

2.6

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

HOTELS, MOTELS, GUEST HOUSES WITH FACILITIES..... CARAVAN PARKS.....

	Guest Rooms	Room occupancy rates	Guest arrivals	Number of sites	Site occupancy rates	Guest arrivals
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1993-94	14 754	57	2 154	29 202	39	1 250
1994-95	14 754	60	2 219	29 554	40	1 231
1995-96	15 085	60	2 256	29 952	40	1 299
Months						
Apr 96		59	187		41	125
May 96		56	171		37	89
Jun 96	15 085	55	167	29 952	40	98
Jul 96		57	193		46	151
Aug 96		61	207		45	164
Sep 96	15 396	68	235	29 990	44	153
Oct 96		67	232		38	116
Nov 96		61	195		36	79
Dec 96	15 996	54	193	30 105	40	111
Jan 97		54	487		45	128
Feb 97		60	424		39	76
Mar 97	16 065	58	474	30 212	40	102
Apr 97		58	193		40	105
May 97		53	177		38	86
Jun 97	16 040	51	165	30 238	41	93

HOLIDAY FLATS, UNITS, HOUSES..... VISITOR HOSTELS.....

	Guest units	Unit occupancy rates	Unit Lettings	Bed spaces	Bed occupancy Rates	Guest nights
	Number	%	'000	Number	%	'000
Financial Years(a)						
1993-94	2 224	55	96	3 119	38	416
1994-95	2 419	57	110	2 834	41	431
1995-96	2 687	57	134	3 171	43	478
Months						
Apr 96		64	12		46	44
May 96		43	10		41	40
Jun 96	2 687	46	10	3 171	41	39
Jul 96		57	11		40	39
Aug 96		48	10		36	36
Sep 96	2 705	60	13	3 172	39	37
Oct 96		63	14		39	38
Nov 96		54	12		41	38
Dec 96	2 797	61	13	3 109	41	39
Jan 97		69	14		42	42
Feb 97		55	12		41	37
Mar 97	2 832	58	13	3 224	42	42
Apr 97		57	12		44	42
May 97		46	11		40	38
Jun 97	2 687	43	9	3 259	36	35

(a) Number at 30 June

Reference: ABS Catalogue (8635.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact Pam Prince on (08) 9360 5207.

3.1

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Seasonally Adjusted

	Employed full-time	Total employed	Total unemployed	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
Males					
Aug 96	426.1	481.3	43.3	8.3	76.6
Sep 96	426.0	480.4	41.9	8.0	76.1
Oct 96	430.3	484.0	42.8	8.1	76.6
Nov 96	429.9	480.3	41.9	8.0	75.8
Dec 96	428.5	483.7	41.3	7.9	76.1
Jan 97	434.3	491.4	36.7	7.0	76.4
Feb 97	435.9	491.2	38.4	7.3	76.5
Mar 97	433.0	490.2	37.4	7.1	76.1
Apr 97	434.6	490.4	36.2	6.9	75.8
May 97	436.1	492.0	37.2	7.0	76.1
Jun 97	437.5	495.5	38.2	7.2	76.5
Jul 97	439.1	491.0	39.1	7.4	75.9
Aug 97	440.2	497.4	38.8	7.2	76.6
Sep 97	442.6	496.2	40.6	7.6	76.6
Oct 97	438.8	498.4	33.8	6.4	75.8
Females					
Aug 96	201.4	367.9	28.6	7.2	57.4
Sep 96	200.1	365.3	27.3	7.0	56.7
Oct 96	194.3	360.8	27.4	7.1	55.9
Nov 96	195.3	364.0	27.8	7.1	56.3
Dec 96	197.6	366.5	29.6	7.5	56.8
Jan 97	194.8	364.5	33.4	8.4	57.0
Feb 97	189.7	366.5	32.3	8.1	57.0
Mar 97	187.8	359.4	31.6	8.1	55.8
Apr 97	191.7	356.8	31.5	8.1	55.4
May 97	191.7	355.9	26.2	6.9	54.4
Jun 97	186.6	356.1	27.5	7.2	54.5
Jul 97	198.7	362.4	26.8	6.9	55.2
Aug 97	197.1	365.2	28.4	7.2	55.7
Sep 97	201.8	374.6	24.7	6.2	56.4
Oct 97	195.9	367.3	25.9	6.6	55.4
Persons					
Aug 96	627.6	849.2	71.9	7.8	66.9
Sep 96	626.1	845.7	69.2	7.6	66.3
Oct 96	624.6	844.8	70.2	7.7	66.2
Nov 96	625.2	844.3	69.7	7.6	66.0
Dec 96	626.0	850.2	70.9	7.7	66.4
Jan 97	629.1	855.9	70.1	7.6	66.7
Feb 97	625.6	857.7	70.8	7.6	66.7
Mar 97	620.8	849.6	69.0	7.5	65.9
Apr 97	626.3	847.3	67.8	7.4	65.5
May 97	627.8	847.9	63.5	7.0	65.2
Jun 97	624.1	851.6	65.7	7.2	65.5
Jul 97	637.8	853.4	66.0	7.2	65.5
Aug 97	637.3	862.6	67.2	7.2	66.1
Sep 97	644.3	870.8	65.3	7.0	66.4
Oct 97	634.7	865.7	59.8	6.5	65.6

Reference : The Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.1

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate decreased by 0.5% percentage points in October 1997.

The seasonally adjusted number of persons unemployed decreased by 5,500 to 59,800 however, the number of persons employed also decreased by 5,100 to 865,700.

Western Australia's seasonally adjusted participation rate for October 1997 decreased by 0.8 percentage points to 65.6% and continues to be the highest of all the States.

3.2

LABOUR FORCE STATUS (AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER): Trend

	Employed full-time '000	Total employed '000	Total unemployed '000	Unemployment rate %	Participation rate %
Males					
Aug 96	427.7	480.5	42.4	8.1	76.4
Sep 96	428.1	481.2	42.5	8.1	76.3
Oct 96	428.8	482.3	42.1	8.0	76.3
Nov 96	429.8	483.8	41.3	7.9	76.3
Dec 96	431.1	485.7	40.2	7.6	76.2
Jan 97	432.4	487.6	39.0	7.4	76.2
Feb 97	433.6	489.4	38.0	7.2	76.2
Mar 97	434.5	490.8	37.4	7.1	76.2
Apr 97	435.4	492.0	37.1	7.0	76.2
May 97	436.1	493.0	37.0	7.0	76.1
Jun 97	436.8	493.7	37.1	7.0	76.1
Jul 97	437.8	492.7	38.2	7.2	76.0
Aug 97	439.4	494.9	38.7	7.2	76.3
Sep 97	441.5	496.1	39.8	7.4	76.5
Oct 97	441.0	497.6	37.7	7.0	76.2
Females					
Aug 96	198.1	362.7	28.1	7.2	56.5
Sep 96	198.3	364.4	28.1	7.1	56.6
Oct 96	197.8	365.1	28.3	7.2	56.7
Nov 96	196.5	365.3	29.1	7.4	56.7
Dec 96	194.8	365.0	30.2	7.6	56.7
Jan 97	193.3	364.1	31.2	7.9	56.6
Feb 97	192.0	362.8	31.5	8.0	56.4
Mar 97	190.9	360.9	31.1	8.0	56.0
Apr 97	189.9	358.8	30.2	7.9	55.4
May 97	189.1	356.9	29.2	7.6	54.9
Jun 97	188.4	355.3	28.1	7.3	54.4
Jul 97	192.6	357.4	26.6	6.9	54.4
Aug 97	195.6	361.0	26.9	6.9	54.9
Sep 97	199.3	368.3	25.8	6.6	55.7
Oct 97	199.1	370.3	25.7	6.5	55.8
Persons					
Aug 96	625.8	843.2	70.5	7.7	66.4
Sep 96	626.5	845.5	70.5	7.7	66.4
Oct 96	626.6	847.4	70.4	7.7	66.4
Nov 96	626.3	849.1	70.4	7.7	66.4
Dec 96	625.9	850.7	70.4	7.6	66.4
Jan 97	625.7	851.8	70.2	7.6	66.4
Feb 97	625.6	852.2	69.5	7.5	66.3
Mar 97	625.4	851.7	68.5	7.4	66.0
Apr 97	625.3	850.8	67.3	7.3	65.8
May 97	625.2	849.9	66.2	7.2	65.5
Jun 97	625.1	848.9	65.1	7.1	65.2
Jul 97	630.5	850.2	64.9	7.1	65.2
Aug 97	635.0	855.9	65.6	7.1	65.5
Sep 97	640.9	864.4	65.7	7.1	66.0
Oct 97	640.2	867.8	63.4	6.8	66.0

Reference: Labour Force, Australia Preliminary (6202.0)

ANALYSIS OF TABLE 3.2

The trend estimate of the unemployment rate decreased to 6.8%.

For more information regarding these tables, please contact Sharon Morrison on (08) 9360 5900.

3.3

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF EMPLOYEES — Trend

Period	FULL TIME ADULTS.....		ALL PERSONS
	Ordinary Time earnings	Total earnings	Total earnings
	\$	\$	\$
Males			
17 May 96	748.60	807.10	690.80
16 Aug 96	747.00	806.30	689.40
15 Nov 96	745.90	805.80	690.10
21 Feb 97	748.80	809.40	696.00
16 May 97	753.80	815.30	705.60
16 Aug 97	771.90	832.30	711.40
Females			
17 May 96	577.20	589.10	411.10
16 Aug 96	584.10	596.20	412.80
15 Nov 96	587.00	599.40	415.10
21 Feb 97	587.20	599.60	417.00
16 May 97	585.80	598.20	418.00
16 Aug 97	602.50	613.70	421.20
Persons			
17 May 96	686.40	728.00	554.00
16 Aug 96	688.00	730.10	552.40
15 Nov 96	689.00	731.90	554.10
21 Feb 97	691.30	734.80	559.50
16 May 97	694.00	738.20	566.10
16 Aug 97	707.10	748.70	564.60

Reference: Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0)

3.4

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK

WORKERS INVOLVED.....

	<i>Number of Disputes</i>	<i>Directly</i>	<i>Indirectly</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Working days lost</i>
	Number	'000	'000	'000	'000
Calendar Year					
1994	82	15.7	0.2	15.9	27.4
1995	70	99.7	0.0	99.7	101.6
1996	54	36.2	0.0	36.2	47.3
Months					
Jun 96	1	4.4	—	4.4	4.4
Jul 96	4	2.1	—	2.1	1.8
Aug 96	6	10.2	—	10.2	8.5
Sep 96	6	3.0	—	3.0	1.6
Oct 96	6	3.0	—	3.3	1.6
Nov 96	8	1.3	—	1.3	0.8
Dec 96	2	0.2	—	0.2	0.1
Jan 97	4	1.3	0.1	1.4	15.5
Feb 97	5	1.3	—	1.3	2.4
Mar 97	1	0.1	—	0.1	0.1
Apr 97 r	7	16.9	0.3	16.4	20.2
May 97 r	9	6.4	0.1	6.5	9.8
Jun 97	6	4.9	0.0	4.9	3.7
Jul 97	10	1.5	0.0	1.5	0.8
Aug 97	5	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.8

Reference: Industrial Disputes, Unpublished Data

3.5

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS: INDUSTRY-SECTOR

Particulars	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES.....						GROSS EARNINGS
	Feb 1996	May 1996	Aug 1996	Nov 1996	Feb 1997	May 1997	June qtr 1997
'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	'000	\$m
Industry							
Mining	30.2	29.8	29.7	29.2	28.9	30.1	449.7
Manufacturing	65.8	69.9	74.6	69.0	74.0	67.7	598.5
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.8	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.0	7.0	77.7
Construction	30.4	31.6	30.5	32.4	29.8	34.2	390.1
Wholesale Trade	44.0	43.1	44.1	45.1	43.3	45.7	336.1
Retail Trade	95.8	105.0	108.7	116.9	104.0	108.2	476.4
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	29.4	32.7	34.0	37.1	37.9	37.0	140.2
Transport and storage	24.8	24.0	23.3	21.8	23.5	25.2	240.7
Communication services	10.7	11.0	10.5	10.1	10.4	10.1	115.1
Finance & insurance	22.1	19.3	16.1	18.6	23.4	24.6	225.7
Property & business services	68.8	79.9	83.3	67.4	85.6	87.2	660.5
Government administration and defence	29.3	31.4	31.1	32.2	32.9	31.5	293.0
Education	49.8	57.0	59.3	65.4	59.9	63.7	502.3
Health & community services	75.9	76.7	73.0	72.4	67.9	67.9	472.7
Cultural & recreational services	* 18.7	* 16.1	9.7	9.2	16.5	15.3	75.1
Personal & other services	27.2	28.0	25.9	29.3	26.9	23.2	156.4
All industries¹	631.0	663.6	662.1	664.4	673.6	680.1	5 225.2
Sector							
Private	484.8	510.5	515.6	515.5	528.3	534.0	3 879.4
Public	146.2	153.1	146.5	149.0	145.3	146.1	1 345.8

Particulars	February 1997.....			May 1997.....		
	Full-time	Part-time	Persons	Full-time	Part-time	Persons
Industry						
Mining	27.9	1.0	28.9	29.3	0.8	30.1
Manufacturing	66.9	7.1	74.0	60.5	7.2	67.7
Electricity, gas and water supply	6.8	0.2	7.0	6.8	0.2	7.0
Construction	25.7	4.1	29.8	31.3	2.9	34.2
Wholesale Trade	33.3	10.0	43.3	34.7	11.0	45.7
Retail Trade	48.7	55.3	104.0	48.9	59.3	108.2
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	12.6	25.3	37.9	13.4	23.7	37.0
Transport and storage	19.5	3.9	23.5	21.0	4.2	25.2
Communication services	9.0	1.4	10.4	8.8	1.3	10.1
Finance & insurance	18.3	5.2	23.4	18.4	6.3	24.6
Property & business services	62.7	22.9	85.6	57.2	30.0	87.2
Government administration and defence	25.7	7.2	32.9	25.3	6.2	31.5
Education	38.9	21.0	59.9	39.1	24.6	63.7
Health & community services	31.1	36.8	67.9	31.2	36.6	67.9
Cultural & recreational services	6.9	9.6	16.5	6.4	8.9	15.3
Personal & other services	17.5	9.4	26.9	16.5	6.7	23.2
All industries¹	453.0	220.6	673.6	450.2	230.0	680.1
Sector						
Private	344.6	183.7	528.3	343.3	190.8	534.0
Public	108.4	36.9	145.3	106.9	39.2	146.1

¹ Includes employees of government agencies classified to Agriculture, forestry and fishing

Reference: Wage and Salary Earners (6248.0)

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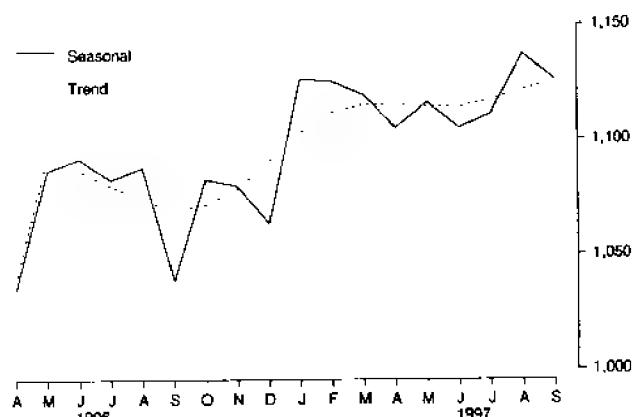
MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER: Original

	Food	Department stores	Clothing and soft goods	Other household goods	Recreational goods
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Oct 96	450.6	101.3	70.5	171.4	57.5
Nov 96	448.5	109.6	69.3	172.9	55.1
Dec 96	509.6	176.8	91.3	207.2	71.2
Jan 97	475.0	86.4	64.4	178.7	53.0
Feb 97	428.7	76.2	50.3	157.2	49.1
Mar 97	467.0	89.1	56.7	157.1	50.1
Apr 97	426.1	88.5	59.0	165.0	58.2
May 97	454.4	107.0	65.2	174.2	59.1
Jun 97	417.5	81.2	53.2	163.1	55.3
Jul 97	445.1	95.3	50.2	167.8	59.6
Aug 97	445.8	87.5	45.2	170.1	56.3
Sep 97	437.8	94.7	44.3	173.3	57.6

	Hospitality and services	Other	Original	Seasonally adjusted	Trend estimates
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Months					
Oct 96	161.5	105.1	1 117.9	1 083.1	1 071.6
Nov 96	161.1	105.0	1 121.6	1 079.5	1 079.4
Dec 96	179.0	133.5	1 368.6	1 064.3	1 091.1
Jan 97	163.1	93.1	1 113.8	1 125.8	1 103.2
Feb 97	150.4	91.7	1 003.5	1 125.0	1 111.6
Mar 97	160.0	87.4	1 067.4	1 119.1	1 115.1
Apr 97	161.8	101.4	1 060.1	1 104.7	1 114.8
May 97	163.1	103.2	1 126.2	1 115.6	1 114.0
Jun 97	157.9	91.2	1 019.4	1 104.6	1 114.3
Jul 97	173.4	105.9	1 097.2	1 111.3	1 117.2
Aug 97	171.8	103.8	1 080.6	1 136.9	1 121.4
Sep 97	171.8	117.7	1 091.1	1 126.4	1 126.3

Reference: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

MONTHLY RETAIL TURNOVER, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Retail Trade, Australia (8501.0)

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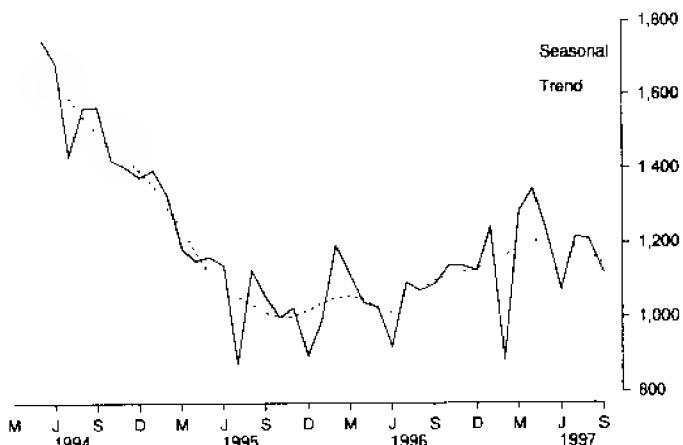
NEW RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	HOUSES.....	OTHER RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.....	TOTAL (a).....			
	Dwelling Units	Dwelling Units	Dwelling Units			
	No.	\$m	No.	\$m	No.	\$m
Financial years						
1994-95	16 207	1 354.3	6 105	420.3	22 427	1 774.6
1995-96	12 211	1 148.3	3 527	272.3	15 853	1 420.7
1996-97	13 633	1 349.1	2 013	175.7	15 743	1 524.7
Months						
Jul 96	1 165	107.3	166	10.9	1 336	118.2
Aug 96	1 134	110.4	136	11.1	1 277	121.4
Sep 96	1 108	108.2	127	9.0	1 245	117.2
Oct 96	1 157	111.0	204	15.9	1 376	126.9
Nov 96	1 175	112.6	187	15.2	1 366	127.8
Dec 96	1 035	102.4	194	18.1	1 242	120.5
Jan 97	1 034	103.4	135	15.6	1 182	119.0
Feb 97	803	80.2	238	21.1	1 047	101.3
Mar 97	1 039	108.7	165	17.1	1 216	125.8
Apr 97	1 456	143.8	163	15.4	1 626	159.2
May 97	1 376	140.5	195	16.8	1 576	157.3
Jun 97	1 151	120.6	103	9.6	1 254	130.2
Jul 97	1 283	129.8	223	17.4	1 531	147.2
Aug 97	1 225	125.1	132	10.0	1 373	135.0
Sep 97	1 216	129.0	95	10.3	1 328	139.3

(a) Includes conversions

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

NEW HOUSES APPROVED, WESTERN AUSTRALIA



Source: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact
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5.2

NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDING APPROVED

	Private \$m	Public \$m	Total \$m
Financial Years			
1994-95 580.9			
1995-96 692.0	111.1	803.1	
1996-97 774.3	430.1	1 204.4	
Months			
Jul 96 63.9	8.7	72.6	
Aug 96 71.7	61.7	133.4	
Sep 96 74.1	17.8	91.9	
Oct 96 114.6	26.4	141.0	
Nov 96 54.9	110.1	165.0	
Dec 96 39.0	7.4	46.4	
Jan 97 31.7	35.0	66.7	
Feb 97 73.6	44.2	117.8	
Mar 97 68.3	22.1	90.4	
Apr 97 72.7	6.1	78.8	
May 97 63.1	83.3	146.4	
Jun 97 46.3	7.8	54.1	
Jul 97 71.2	34.1	105.3	
Aug 97 51.8	29.6	81.4	
Sep 97 54.3	2.2	56.5	

Reference: Building Approvals, Western Australia (8731.5)

For more information regarding this table, please contact
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5.3

SELECTED HOUSING PRICE INDEXES: PERTH

	Materials used in house building	Established homes	Project homes
Financial Years			
1994-95 112.7	109.0	100.0	
1995-96 114.7	108.2	101.6	
1996-97 115.3	109.2	101.3	
Quarters			
Dec 95 114.9	108.3	101.6	
Mar 96 114.6	107.5	101.3	
Jun 96 114.6	108.2	101.4	
Sep 96 115.0	108.0	101.5	
Dec 96 115.0	107.5	101.4	
Mar 97 115.5	110.4	101.2	
Jun 97 115.8	110.9	101.2	

Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

References: Price Index of Materials used in House Building (6408.0);
House Price Indexes (6416.0)

5.4

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, PERTH

SPECIAL SERIES.....

	All Groups	Electrical materials	Mechanical services	Plumbing
Financial years				
1994-95	110.1	107.3	106.8	114.4
1995-96	113.2	113.0	112.3	120.1
1996-97	114.6	110.6	113.3	119.2
Quarters				
Jun 96	113.5	113.8	114.5	119.9
Sep 96	114.0	111.0	114.0	117.5
Dec 96	114.3	109.7	113.0	117.8
Mar 97	114.9	110.7	113.2	119.9
Jun 97	115.2	111.0	112.9	121.6
Sep 97	115.3	111.0	113.1	124.7

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS.....

	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Structural steel	Aluminium windows
Financial years					
1994-95	110.6	118.0	117.8	103.6	112.5
1995-96	109.3	120.7	115.0	107.5	118.1
1996-97	106.6	124.1	120.1	113.9	117.0
Quarters					
Jun 96	108.6	122.3	114.7	108.6	117.6
Sep 96	106.8	123.5	119.6	109.9	116.4
Dec 96	105.6	123.6	119.5	113.4	116.4
Mar 97	106.9	123.6	121.0	116.1	116.4
Jun 97	107.2	125.5	120.1	116.1	118.8
Sep 97	107.2	127.4	118.8	116.1	118.8

Base of each index 1989-90 = 100.0

Reference: Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (6407.0)

6.1

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED ('000)

	CATTLE.....			OTHER.....			
	Bulls, bullocks, steers	Cows, heifers	Total (excluding calves)	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
Financial Years							
1994-95	244	186	430	4	3088r	1464r	604
1995-96	218	182	400	3	2833r	1594r	563
1996-97p	198	208	406	5	2 785	2 094	551
Months							
Jul 96 p	13	12	25	-	172	163	49
Aug 96 p	14	15	29	-	230	173	44
Sep 96 p	17	17	33	1	275	179	43
Oct 96 p	20	20	40	-	314	242	39
Nov 96 p	20	20	40	1	270	157	45
Dec 96 p	21	20	41	-	235	129	47
Jan 97 p	20	21	41	-	219	126	43
Feb 97 p	17	21	38	-	223	180	46
Mar 97 p	14	18	33	-	239	176	50
Apr 97 p	14	15	30	-	227	198	45
May 97 p	14	16	30	1	250	229	49
Jun 97 p	13	14	26	-	131	141	53
Jul 97 p	15	17	32	1	147	155	47
Aug 97 p	15	17	32	-	225	155	46
Sep 97 p	19	16	35	-	283	222	45

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

6.2

MEAT PRODUCED (a) (Tonnes Carcass Weight)

	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pigmeat
Financial Years					
1994-95	97 140	250	61868r	22359r	37 109
1995-96	94 859	213	57428r	28139r	35 341
1996-97p	93625r	290r	55 337	35 881	38 897
Months					
Jun 96	6 354	21	4239r	2585r	2 754
Jul 96 p	5 731	23	3 412	2 778	2 892
Aug 96 p	6 731	23	4 532	2 951	2 913
Sep 96 p	7 907	29	5 383	3 054	2 991
Oct 96 p	9 456	24	6 272	3 985	2 919
Nov 96 p	9 416	25	5 466	2 644	3 165
Dec 96 p	9 130	26	4 693	2 226	3 261
Jan 97 p	9 291	23	4 245	2 161	3 095
Feb 97 p	8 512	21	4 280	3 110	3 310
Mar 97 p	7 389	21	4 982	2 990	3 575
Apr 97 p	6 662	17	4 681	3 381	3 149
May 97 p	7 024	37	4 835	3 974	3 734
Jun 97 p	6 375	22r	2 556	2 606	3 893
Jul 97 p	7 555	24	3 026	2 837	3 077
Aug 97 p	7 465r	20	4 680	2 590	2944r
Sep 97 p	8 344	24	6 074	4 006	2 628

(a) Red meat is shown in carcass weight and excludes offal.

Reference: Livestock Products (7215.0)

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6.3

WOOL RECEIVALS(a) AND LIVE SHEEP EXPORTS

RECEIVALS OF
TAXABLE WOOL
BY BROKERS
AND
DEALERS.....

EXPORT OF LIVE SHEEP....

	Bales	Tonnes	Quantity '000	Gross Value \$'000	Gross Weight 000t
Financial Years					
1994-95					
	972 837	172 575	3 871.4	127 974	193.3
1995-96					
	931 048	165 842	4 690.6	181 069	232.3
1996-97					
	909 768	161 708	3747.5r	136613r	188.5r
Months					
Jul 96	53 329	9 510	209.4	7 540	10.3
Aug 96	99 902	17 933	262.2	9 613	12.4
Sep 96	121 600	21 734	437.7	16 378	21.9
Oct 96	121 626	21 541	466.8	17 067	24.3
Nov 96	84 634	14 957	329.2	11 537	17.2
Dec 96	35 865	6 274	274.1	9 365	13.9
Jan 97	63 003	11 221	354.4	12 425	19.2
Feb 97	84 524	14 989	368.6	13 077	18.8
Mar 97	85 467	15 239	387.0	14 226	19.1
Apr 97	78 123	13 834	70.4	2 693	3.4
May 97	44 266	7 801	323.5	12095r	16.1r
Jun 97	37 431	6 675	264.6	10 595	12.0
Jul 97	63386r	11226r	230.8r	9369r	11.6r
Aug 97	89054r	15806r	114.3	4 157	5.9
Sep 97	74 178	13 206	293.4	10 616	14.3

(a) Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

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6.4

ENERGY PRODUCTION

	Coal(a)	Electricity generated	Gas for distribution(b)	Crude oil(c)/d)	Natural gas(d)
	000 tonnes	million kWh	million MJ	mega-litres	million m³
Financial Years					
1994-95	5 882	16 756	186 658	12 680	15 714
1995-96	5 897	17 422	181 710	9 676	16 766
1996-97	5 557	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Months					
Jul 96	379	1 523	17 292		
Aug 96	414	1 473	17 097		
Sep 96	469	1 379	15 454	4 187	4 115
Oct 96	517	1 412	15 558		
Nov 96	584	1 328	17 457		
Dec 96	446	1 401	17 883	4 475	4 516
Jan 97	448	1 463	17 659		
Feb 97	469	1 362	15 408		
Mar 97	561	1 331	17 201	3 750	4 130
Apr 97	407	1 302	17 147		
May 97	393	1 315	18 506		
Jun 97	470	1 404	17 594	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
Jul 97	413	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
Aug 97	482	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		
Sep 97	522	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Department of Minerals and Energy

(b) Available for issue through mains

(c) Includes condensate

(d) Source Australian Bureau of Agriculture and Resource Economics

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6.5

MINERAL EXPLORATION: EXPENDITURE BY TYPE OF MINERAL SOUGHT

	METALLIC MINERALS			NON-METALLIC MINERALS...		
	Base metals(a)	Gold	Other	Diamonds	Other	Total minerals
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years						
1993-94	63.3	310.2	31.5	46.6	2.1	453.7
1994-95	58.8	379.4	17.9	35.2	5.6	495.5
1995-96	89.0	367.8	6.9	33.8	6.0	519.5
Quarters						
Mar 96	21.8	83.9	n.a.	4.9	2.1	117.8
Jun 96	32.3	93.4	n.a.	11.7	1.6	147.0
Sep 96	23.6	120.2	0.8	8.8	1.4	162.8
Dec 96	20.1	147.9	n.a.	11.5	n.a.	187.7
Mar 97	17.4	108.1	1.1	7.5	0.4	144.2
Jun 97	27.0	1 555.5	n.y.a.	10.8	n.y.a.	210.0

(a) Includes copper, lead, zinc, silver, nickel and cobalt.

Reference: Actual and Expected Private Mineral Exploration Expenditure, Australia (8412.0)

6.6

MINERAL PRODUCTION

	Iron ore	Bauxite	Gold	Titanite	Nickel	Diamonds
	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	kg	'000 tonnes	'000 tonnes	'000 carats
Financial Years						
1993-94	119 690	27 087	193 599	1 612	62	39 909
1994-95	132 743	26 852	187 280	1 631	94	43 590
1995-96	143 489	28 250	206 486	1 871	105	42 566
Quarters						
Mar 96	35 968	6 946	53 100	417	26	11 473
Jun 96	35 823	6 825	55 946	477	30	9 835
Sep 96	36 603	6 865	53 836	464	28	11 235
Dec 96	37 576	6 734	57 201	472	29	9 450
Mar 97	35 864	6 722	55 899	461	28	7 036

Source: Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics

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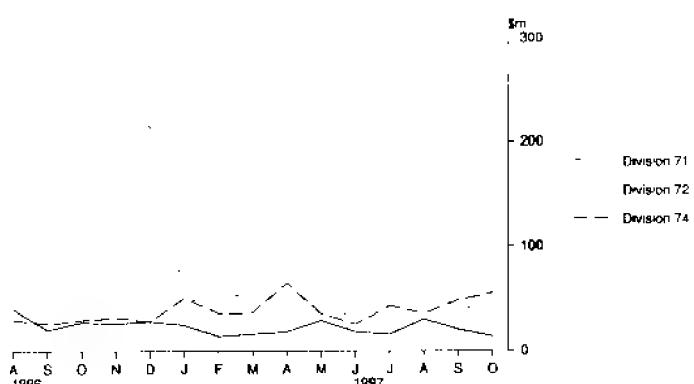
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IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	33 Petroleum, petroleum products, etc	71 Power generating equipment and machinery	72 Machinery specialised for particular industries	74 General industrial/ machinery and equipment	78 Road vehicles
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1994 95	823.8	203.1	436.9	308.0	802.1
1995-96	768.9	356.1	510.3	345.7	794.5
1996 97	1 010.4	309.8	696.9	420.8	811.6
Months					
Aug 96	92.7	40.2	46.3	29.8	74.3
Sep 96	39.2	20.0	31.9	26.3	63.0
Oct 96	107.3	27.5	33.0	29.7	81.0
Nov 96	66.2	26.3	49.0	31.7	73.2
Dec 96	126.6	28.3	217.8	27.8	66.6
Jan 97	109.8	24.7	49.4	50.4	61.3
Feb 97	118.0	13.9	45.3	35.7	57.4
Mar 97	36.2	16.3	59.5	36.5	63.4
Apr 97	44.4	18.6	55.9	64.9	66.7
May 97	85.2	29.1	43.1	35.1	75.2
Jun 97	70.2	18.5	31.4	25.9	58.3
Jul 97	72.2	15.6	60.9	42.8	87.8
Aug 97	59.0	30.7	58.3	35.4	76.1
Sep 97	88.9	20.5	41.1--	48.3	86.2
Oct 97	67.4	14.0	42.4	55.0	100.2

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

IMPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

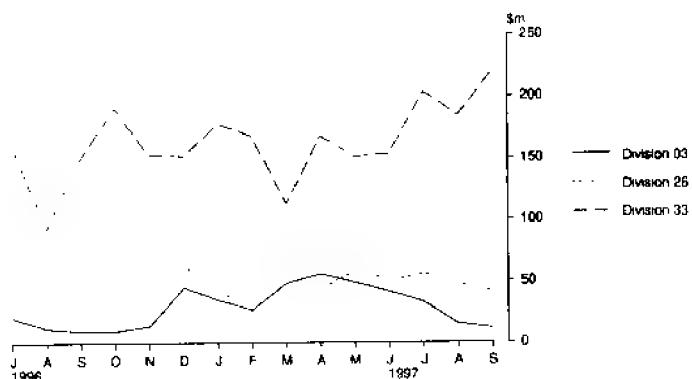
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EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISIONS

	03 Fish, crustaceans, molluscs, etc	04 Cereals and cereal preparations	26 Textile fibres and waste (excluding yarn or fabric)	28 Metalliferous ores and metal scrap	33 Petroleum, petroleum products etc.
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Financial Years					
1994-95	408.6	1 154.3	733.8	3 094.0	1 544.4
1995-96	364.2	1 874.9	692.6	3 221.8	1 586.0
1996-97	371.3	1 666.7	645.3	3 591.3	1 940.4
Months					
Jul 96	21.2	121.5	52.4	299.8	160.4
Aug 96	12.0	104.4	44.2	295.8	92.9
Sep 96	10.0	113.1	49.9	289.9	150.0
Oct 96	10.0	120.5	72.4	278.4	190.8
Nov 96	14.1	90.5	67.7	273.4	152.9
Dec 96	45.6	177.9	64.2	271.5	151.9
Jan 97	34.8	201.3	37.2	280.4	177.8
Feb 97	27.1	146.7	42.8	275.6	168.1
Mar 97	48.8	207.2	51.9	321.2	113.0
Apr 97	56.0	158.3	44.4	312.8	167.8
May 97	49.0	120.8	58.7	364.3	151.2
Jun 97	41.4	104.5	50.4	337.3	153.9
Jul 97	32.8	95.1	56.3	325.8	203.4
Aug 97	15.3	73.4	47.5	374.2	184.6
Sep 97	11.9	103.9	41.6	355.0	219.7

Reference: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

EXPORTS BY SELECTED DIVISION



Source: FASTTRACCS Trade Statistics

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8.1

NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS (a)

	WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....					PERTH STATISTICAL DIVISION.....	
	Passenger vehicles	Light commercial vehicles	Trucks and buses	Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters	Total(b)	Motorcycles and scooters
Financial Years							
1994-95 r	52 094	10 693	2 168	64 955	2 355	52 167	1 655
1995-96 r	51 319	10 838	2 324	64 481	2 441	51 514	1 648
1996-97 p	56 984	10 828	2 207	70 019	2 692	54 721	1 837
Months							
Jul 96	4 580	895	201	5 676	174	4 483	107
Aug 96	4 728	839	177	5 744	216	4 623	133
Sep 96	4 392	748	177	5 317	183	4 331	111
Oct 96	5 209	874	196	6 279	238	4 977	165
Nov 96	4 656	819	186	5 661	368	4 455	287
Dec 96	4 861	859	181	5 901	228	4 584	159
Jan 97	4 436	802	129	5 367	196	4 222	136
Feb 97	4 760	989	186	5 935	205	4 587	126
Mar 97	4 167	874	161	5 202	213	3 966	153
Apr 97	4 670	960	221	5 851	188	4 478	115
May 97	5 072	909	183	6 164	234	5 089	162
Jun 97	5 267	1 254	207	6 728	238	5 063	173
Jul 97	5 409	905	173	6 487	185	5 151	114
Aug 97	5 000	756	181	5 937	208	4 792	133
Sep 97	5 339	786	149	6 297	196	4 977	129

(a) Excludes plant and equipment, caravans and trailers. (b) Excludes motor cycles.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

8.2

VEHICLE REGISTRATION STATISTICS(a)

	PASSENGER VEHICLES.....		OTHER VEHICLES.....		TOTAL.....	
	Original	Trend	Original	Trend	Original	Trend
Months						
Jul 96	4 580	4 643	1 096	1 132	5 676	5 775
Aug 96	4 728	4 635	1 016	1 103	5 744	5 734
Sep 96	4 392	4 655	925	1 072	5 317	5 727
Oct 96	5 209	4 686	1 070	1 044	6 279	5 730
Nov 96	4 656	4 709	1 005	1 039	5 661	5 748
Dec 96	4 861	4 722	1 040	1 054	5 901	5 776
Jan 97	4 436	4 732	931	1 080	5 367	5 812
Feb 97	4 760	4 759	1 175	1 106	5 935	5 865
Mar 97	4 167	4 805	1 035	1 123	5 202	5 928
Apr 97	4 670	4 875	1 181	1 126	5 851	6 001
May 97	5 072	4 958	1 092	1 117	6 164	6 075
Jun 97	5 267	5 052	1 254	1 109	6 521	6 161
Jul 97	5 409	5 148	1 078	1 103	6 487	6 251
Aug 97	5 000	5 234	937	1 096	5 937	6 330
Sep 97	5 339	5 326	958	1 097	6 297	6 423

(a) Excludes motorcycles, plant and equipment, caravans and trailers.

Reference: Unpublished statistics

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9.1

PRIVATE NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY SELECTED INDUSTRY GROUPS: Original

	SELECTED INDUSTRY.....			TOTAL.....	
	Mining	Manufacturing	Other selected industries	Original	Seasonally adjusted
Financial Years					
1995-96	4 285	1 046	2 575	7 907	7 899
1996-97	4 115	624	1 829	6 568	6 588
Quarters					
Mar 96	934	217	573	1 725	1 880
Jun 96	1 141	414	598	2 153	2 065
Sep 96	865	162	505	1 532	1 716
Dec 96	1 063	166	581	1 810	1 600
Mar 97	1 063	145	323	1 531	1 661
Jun 97	1 124	152	419	1 695	1 611

Reference: State Estimates of Private New Capital Expenditure (5646.0)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.....

Indicator	Period	Unit	Current Australian figure	Current figure	Change from last period (%)	Figure one year ago	Change from one year ago(%)
Population							
Estimated resident population	Mar qtr 97 p	'000	18 492.0	1 791.2	0.5	1 758.5	1.9
Natural increase	Mar qtr 97 p	No.	33 855	3 953	17.3	3 651	8.3
Tourism							
<i>Hotels and motels, etc with facilities</i>							
Guest arrivals	Jun qtr 97	'000	7 278.2	535.7	-5.7	524.0	2.2
Guest rooms available	Jun qtr 97	No.	175 847	16 040	-0.2	15 085	6.3
Room occupancy rates	Jun qtr 97	%	54.6	53.8	-5.8	56.5	-4.8
<i>Overseas visitors</i>							
Short-term arrivals	Aug 97	No.	330 432	26 779	-13.1	28 950	-7.5
Long-term arrivals	Aug 97	No.	5 975	689	-67.3	500	37.8
Resident Departures							
Short-term departures	Aug 97	No.	239 963	33 011	-17.5	27 420	16.9
Long-term departures	Aug 97	No.	7 174	673	-1.6	660	5.8
Employment							
<i>Employed persons</i>							
Trend	Oct 97	'000	8 434.0	867.8	0.4	847.4	2.4
<i>Unemployed persons</i>							
Looking for work (Trend)	Oct 97	'000	784.3	63.4	-3.5	70.4	-9.9
<i>Participation rate</i>							
Trend	Oct 97	%	63.0	66.0	0.0	66.4	-0.6
<i>Unemployment rate</i>							
Trend	Oct 97	%	8.5	6.8	-4.2	7.7	-11.7
<i>Full-time adult average weekly earnings</i>							
Males	Nov 96	\$	774.40	804.80	-0.1	776.20	3.7
Females	Nov 96	\$	614.20	559.00	1.1	568.70	4.6
Persons	Nov 96	\$	716.90	728.70	0.3	702.90	3.7
Retail							
<i>Monthly retail turnover</i>							
Original	Sep 97	\$m	10 762.5	1 091.1	1.0	991.0	10.1
Trend	Sep 97	\$m	11 179.1	1 126.3	1.0	1 069.6	5.3
Construction							
<i>Building Approvals</i>							
Dwelling Units	Sep 97	No.	12 779	1 328	-3.3	1 245	6.7
Value of all building	Sep 97	\$m	2 631.2	211.7	-8.8	221.6	-4.5
<i>Housing Price Indexes</i>							
Materials used in house building	Jun 97	Index No.	117.1	115.8	0.0	114.8	0.9
Established houses	Mar qtr 97	Index No.	115.3	110.4	2.7	107.5	2.7
Project homes	Mar qtr 97	Index No.	109.2	101.2	-0.2	101.3	-0.1
Mineral Exploration							
Gold	Jun qtr 97	\$m	224.5	155.5	43.8	93.4	66.5
Other minerals	Jun qtr 97	\$m	131.1	54.5	50.9	53.6	1.7
Overseas Trade							
Imports	Sep 97	\$m	7 327.8	593.4	4.3	406.6	45.9
Exports	Sep 97	\$m	7 177.6	1 717.1	-1.7	1 438.9	19.3
Transport							
<i>Passenger vehicle registrations</i>							
Original	Sep 97	No.	53 748	5 339	6.8	4 392	21.6
Trend	Sep 97	No.	51 748	5 326	1.8	4 655	14.4
<i>Total registrations</i>							
Original	Sep 97	No.	62 511	6 297	6.1	5 317	18.4
Trend	Sep 97	No.	60 960	6 423	1.5	5 727	12.1
Finance							
<i>Private New Capital Expenditure</i>							
Original	Jun qtr 97	\$m	11 771	1 695	10.7	2 153	-21.3
Seasonally adjusted	Jun qtr 97	\$m	11 223	1 611	-3.0	2 065	-22.0
<i>Gross State Product (income based)</i>							
Current prices	Jun qtr 97	\$m	128 419	13 257	1.0	12 854	3.1
State Final Demand at Average 1989-90 prices	Jun qtr 97	\$m	114 869	11 401	7.1	11 264	1.2

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